

Application Serial No. 10/814,926
Amendment dated October 28, 2009
Reply to Office Action dated October 6, 2009

REMARKS

Claims 35-38, 40-42, 44-50, 52-54, 56-62, 67, and 68 are pending. Claims 1-34, 39, 43, 51, 55, 63-66, and 69-71 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 35-38, 40-42, 44-50, 52-54, 56-62, and 67-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 based on the Examiner's indication that various terms used in Claims 35-38, 40-42, 44-50, 52-54, 56-62, and 67-71 lack antecedent basis. Claims 69-71 have been cancelled rendering the Examiner's rejection of Claims 69-71 moot.

Claims 35-38, 40-42, 44-50, 52-54, 56-62, 67, and 68 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms used therein and Applicants respectfully request removal of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 35-38, 40-42, 44-50, 52-54, 56-62, 67, and 68 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 69-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,665,089 to Dall ("Dall '089"). Claim 69-71 have been cancelled rendering the Examiner's rejection of Claim 69-71 moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 35-38, 40-42, 44-50, 52-54, 56-62, 67, and 68 are allowable if rewritten to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. As indicated above, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 35-38, 40-42, 44-50, 52-54, 56-62, 67, and 68 comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and respectfully request the allowance thereof.

Conclusion

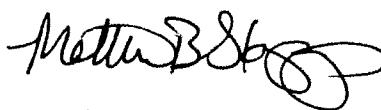
It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

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In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,



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